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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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Hand Characteristic Information**  
Inventors: McClurg *et al.*  
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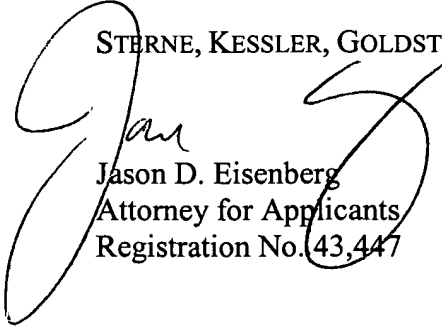
1. Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115; and
2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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In advance of prosecution, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

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